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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Conversation between [ ]

[ ] & [ ]

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1. [ ] [ ] paid a visit to my office on Monday, 3 November to discuss two points which had come up in his talks with [ ] during [ ]'s recent trip to London:

a. [ ] [ ] reported that [ ]'s reaction to CIA's suggestion that the latter carry out all the air support in connection with Projects BGFIEND and VALUABLE was that:

1) There was no evidence that despite the high altitude at which the RAF planes flew that their drops were any less accurate.

2) That [ ] [ ] had gone to such trouble to make arrangements with the RAF for aircraft for these missions that it would be most embarrassing to cancel the existing system. Also, it would make it practically impossible to get any RAF assistance in the future if the present arrangements were cancelled.

[ ] therefore said he could not accept our offer to handle all the air missions.

b. [ ] [ ] further advised that [ ] [ ] is in the process of writing up a review of the SIS plans for Project VALUABLE for the next year and would like to have a proposed program from CIA for Project BGFIEND for 1953. [ ] [ ] agreed to have this program prepared.

2. [ ] [ ] also discussed the change in the structure of SIS which has just been accomplished. He advised that they have a high level contact with the Foreign Office now which should facilitate more rapid exchange of reactions. He also reported that [ ] [ ] is retiring and will spend the next four years heading up the Passport Office of the Foreign Office. [ ] [ ] is also retiring. He further advised that [ ] [ ] is the new controller of the Middle East desk of the SIS.

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